

Heavy Helicopter Squadron

A Marine sergeant assigned to HMH-461 demonstrates the operational abilities of the Ramp Mounted Weapon System here. The RMWS provides CH-53 Super Stallion Helicopters with a much needed defensive system providing a 180 degree field of fire from the rear of the aircraft. HMH-464 is currently provide airlift capability to CJTF-HOA.



Photo by Cpl. Eric C. Ely



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Cpl. Timothy Brumley provides a mobile watch on the flight line with an M2 .50 caliber machine gun mounted on a High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle. Members of Marine Wing Support Squadron 273 recently replaced the Air Force Security Forces Squadron here providing security for Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa air assets.

10th Mountain leaves, Old Guard arrives



Photo by Spc. Eric M. McKeeby

(Left) Soldiers from the Old Guard's Bravo Co. arrived here Dec. 17 for several months of CJTF-HOA tactical missions. Their arrival here was the first time the unit has deployed since the Vietnam War. Shortly after arriving, the company began engaging in training and in CJTF-HOA missions in the region, such as providing security at civil affairs sites in rural Djibouti. (Below) A soldier with 10th Mountain Division, Charlie company, is presented his desert survival training pin by one of his French instructors with the 5th Marine Battalion. The 10th Mountain Division spent several months here engaged in CJTF-HOA missions and was replaced in December by the Old Guard.



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Changes of Commands



Photo by Sgt. Melinda D. Munoz

The camp has seen new leadership arrive during the past year.

(left) MARCENT Col. William H. Callahan looks to his senior enlisted counterpart, Sgt. Maj. Jimmy D. Shidaker, after receiving the ceremonial guidon from Col. Michael R. Pannell, Dec. 15, 2003. CJTF-HOA (right) Brig. Gen. Mastin M. Robeson (foreground) takes command from Maj. Gen. John F. Sattler, May 24, 2003.



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CAMP LEMONIER, DJIBOUTI -- A morning memorial service was held for Marine Capt. Seth R. Richaud at the Enduring Freedom Chapel here June 24, 2003. Approximately 200 Marine, airmen, soldiers and sailors attended the ceremony commemorating the Marine's life. Richaud was killed June 22 in a training accident